GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:96
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CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL RUNWAYS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there has been a constant increase in the number of aircraft after the issuance of aviation license to private companies owing to which incidents of jam has increased at the airports;

(b) If so, whether the Government has taken any steps to construct additional runways at the major airports for smooth landing/take-off operations;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken alongwith the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.96 tabled for reply on 23.2.2006 regarding Construction of Additional Runways.

(a)Yes,Sir. Increase in air traffic has created shortage of runway capacity and aircraft parking capacity at various airports, particularly at Delhi and Mumbai airports.

(b) & (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken action to increase parking stands at Delhi, Mumbai and other non-metro airports to meet the increased requirements of parking stands. Action has also been initiated for construction of rapid exit taxiways and parallel taxiways at Delhi and Mumbai airports to increase the runway capacity. Besides, incentives have been offered to new airlines for operating their services from bases at other non-metro airports. Action is also underway for construction of new runway and extension of existing runways at Mangalore, Vishakhapatnam, Bhubaneshwar, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Raipur, Jammu, Trichy and Madurai airports to accommodate operation of bigger type of aircraft.

(d) Funds allocated for development/ modernization works at various airports for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively airport-wise (in crores of rupees) are as under:

Trichy (8.55, 16.1), Madurai (7.01, 8.10), Coimbatore (7.61,

1.60), Amritsar (22.05, 30.25), Hyderabad (16.2, 8.33), Vishakhapatnam (32.94, 39.85), Ahmedabad (13.78, 16.5), Surat (7.46, 17.71), Vadodara (0.00, 0.10), Khajuraho (0.82,

1.00), Bhopal (5.00, 3.10), Nagpur (0.1, 6.00), Calicut

(13.00, 20.00), Mangalore (8.10, 12.00), Bangalore (1.00,

1.50), Dehradun (1.25, 3.00), Srinagar (16.81, 22.61), Chandigarh (0.01, 0.01), Gaya (7.5, 2.00), Silchar (6.00,

4.5), Dibrugarh (7.1, 28.1), Jaipur (1.85, 5.00), Udaipur

(4.10, 6.50), Jaiselmer (0.05, 0.2), Jodhpur (2.5, 4.00), Lucknow (0.01, 0.01), Varanasi (0.10, 0.11), Agatti (0.3,

2.00), Goa (0.00, 0.1) and Pune (5.10, 8.10).